

Input from General Flynn for message to DATA

You will recall when we were in prison I told you that the United States has never deserted its allies in the field and they would never desert them in prison. Rest assured that your case was taken to the President and both our government and yours exerted every effort to effect your release. We are most grateful to our God

DATA that you have returned to your native soil. I hope our paths will cross soon. GBU Sky and All Members of the 4th Allied POW Wing.



OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

31 October 1975

Mr. Loren Woodrum

DATA

Dear Mr. Woodrum:


Your letter of 29 September 1975 to the Chicago Sun-Time requesting information about American servicemen missing in connection with the recovery of the SS Mayaguez has been forwarded to the Department of Defense for reply.

There are three U.S. Marines listed as missing in action as a result of this rescue effort. The current situation in Southeast Asia makes it difficult to obtain a full accounting for these three men as well as the others who are still unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict. However, you may be assured that your government has given the highest priority to this task and will use all available means to achieve this goal. We are determined to gain all possible information about the fate of all our men, whether they are deceased, and whose bodies have not been recovered, or they are still listed as missing.

The three missing Marines from the Mayaguez were lost on Tang Island in the Gulf of Thailand. There is no indication that any contact with anyone having knowledge of their current status has been made since the time of their loss.

Thank you for your interest in this most important matter. Our efforts will continue until we resolve this problem in an acceptable manner.

Sincerely,


RAYMOND A. VOHDEN
CAPT USN
Principal Advisor,
Office of PW/MIA Affairs

cc: Chicago Sun-Times

Authentic File Copy



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 20, 1975

MEMORANDUM

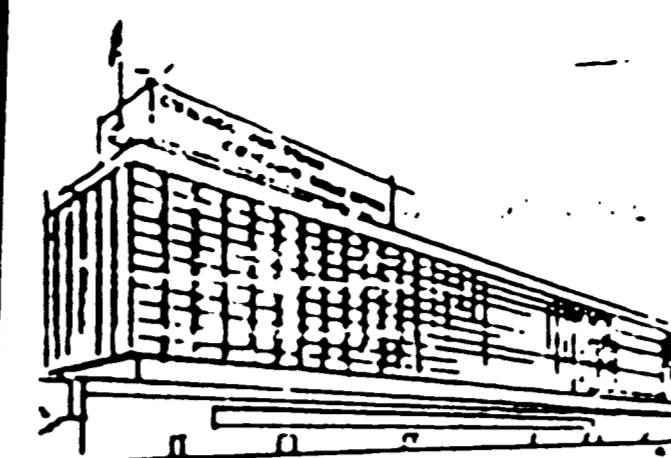
TO: DOD/ISA - Capt. Ray Vohden

Ray -

Could you handle this one for us -- or call in the Marines to do it?

Thanks.

Frank
Frank A. Sieverts



CHICAGO SUN-TIMES

MORNING AND SUNDAY / DIAL 321-3000 / 401 NORTH WABASH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611

to friends:

attached request for assistance has been received by ACTION TIME, reader-service column of The Chicago Sun-Times.

pass it along to you with the request that even every consideration. We aren't able to check out every statement in each letter because of the volume of mail we receive. But the fact that our reader is concerned enough to write us should merit your attention.

Our reader is seeking information; we would appreciate any that you could give. If there is a problem, we know that many are merely cases of misunderstandings between company and customer. We want to help straighten out those misunderstandings.

Will you kindly advise us of any action you may take in this matter? We would also appreciate the return of our reader's letter so we can clear our files. It helps us serve everyone better.

Thank you,

Karen Koshner
ACTION TIME

U.S. State
Department

SUN-TIMES

401 N. WABASH

CHICAGO, ILL. 60611

Washington

D.C. September 29, 1971

62233

GENTLEMEN,

EVER SINCE THE CAMBODIAN CAPTURE
OF THE AMERICAN SHIP M —, I

HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT SOME

AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, MISSING IN ACTION,

MAY BE SENDING MESSAGES, OR INFORMATION,

SOME NOW, TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY

ARE STRANDED ON AN ISLAND SOME-

WHERE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. IS

there any truth to this? If so,